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FOR CU/ARTS

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FORTNIGHT

REF: CARY HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN FORTNIGHT

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING SENATOR HELMS AND MR. BOOTH THAT PARTICIPATION OF CARY HIGH SCHOOL BAND TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON ABILITY OF AMERICAN FORTNIGHT COMMITTEE TO RAISE FUNDS TO GET THE BAND HERE. AMERICAN FORTNIGHT COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG AND THE AMERICAN CONSULATE. AMERICAN FORTNIGHT IS A TRADE PROMOTION VENTURE WITH THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS AS OFFICIAL SPONSORS.

2. FURTHER, MAJOR COST FACTOR NOT ACCOMMODATIONS IN HONG KONG, BUT TRANSPORT TO HONG KONG. OBVIOUSLY, BRINGING 50 STUDENTS TO HONG KONG (INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY US\$74,400 IN ROUNDTRIP TRANSPORTATION COSTS FROM NEW YORK TO HONG KONG ALONE) IS A MORE REALISTIC POSSIBILITY (WE CAN IN NO WAY OFFER ASSURANCES THAT WE CAN BRING EVEN 50 STUDENTS UNLESS THE MONEY IS RAISED) THAN BRINGING 140 STUDENTS (INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY US\$224,320 IN TRANSPORTATION COSTS FROM NEW YORK TO HONG KONG). WE HAVE TRIED TO STRESS THIS POINT WITH MR. BOOTH AND WILLINGNESS ON STUDENTS' PART TO SLEEP IN TENTS OR ELSEWHERE CANNOT CHANGE THIS FACTOR. MEETING WITH MR. BOOTH IN HAWAII, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE

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COSTS OF SENDING FORTNIGHT COMMITTEE REPRESENT-

TATIVE FROM HONG KONG TO HAWAII, WOULD NOT MAKE THE
FORTNIGHT COMMITTEE'S TASK ANY EASIER, BUT WOULD ONLY
FURTHER DEplete FORTNIGHT FUNDS.
PLEASE ASSURE SENATOR HELMS THAT COMMITTEE
WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IT POSSIBLY CAN TO
BRING THESE STUDENTS TO HONG KONG, BUT, NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS, IT WILL TAKE TIME.

3. FORTNIGHT COMMITTEE REALIZES THAT CU/ARTS DOES
NOT SUPPORT GROUPS BELOW THE COLLEGE LEVEL.

4. COMMITTEE AND POST WILL APPRECIATE HAVING CU/ARTS
REVIEW PROSPECTS FOR VISIT TO HONG KONG BY OTHER
PERFORMING ARTISTS DURING FORTNIGHT, OCTOBER 18 -
NOVEMBER 2, 1975, EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT CU SUPPORT.
CULTURAL ASPECTS OF FORTNIGHT PLAYED IMPORTANT PART
IN SUCCESS OF 1973 TRADE PROMOTION EFFORT.
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